

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/799,875

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/27/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16 and 27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. In response to the Amendment received on July 27, 2006, the examiner has carefully considered the amendments. The examiner acknowledges the cancellation of claims 17-25.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks/Amendment, filed July 27, 2006, with respect to claims 1-25 and 27 have been fully considered and are persuasive. In view of applicant's cancellation of claims 17-25, the rejection of claims 17-23 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, obvious over Staas (4,415,706) has been withdrawn, as well as, the rejection of claims 17-25 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dickens, Jr., et al (6,123,948) in view of Staas (4,415,706).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-16 and 27 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reasons for allowance is the inclusion of the weight ranges of, as well as, the specifically claimed constituents of the PMMI as instantly claimed in a sinister powder comprising at least one polyamide in the form of particles and at least one particulate PMMI, wherein the median particles size of the particulate PMMI is within 20% of the median grain size of the particulate polyamide particles. The closest prior art is Staas et al, which teaches compatible blends of polyamides with polyglutarimides (PMMI). The differences between said art and the instant invention is Staas only broadly teach PMMI without giving specific weight ranges to the individual constituents making-up the PMMI useable in said invention. Additionally, Staas et al is silent with regards to the particles sizes of said PMMI and polyamide particles.

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Conclusion

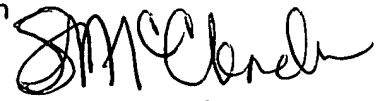
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanza L. McClendon whose telephone number is (571) 272-1074. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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